GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1497
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DUES OF KOLKATA DOORDARSHAN
Khan Shri Sunil

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kolkata Doordarshan has to realise outstanding dues of about Rs. 5,92,68,619/- from serial Janmabhumi, Khas-khabar, Mukho-Mukhi, Pous Phaguner Pala, Rajmehalm, in house, Sanade Tilottoma;

(b) if so, the manner in which the Government will recover these dues;

(c) whether these serials are telecast without any break beyond 1300 days; and

(d) if so, the official held responsible therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b): Prasar Bharati has informed that as on date Rs. 24,70,19,240/- is outstanding against these programmes. The matter regarding recovery of dues is sub-judice and is dependent on the outcome of the cases filed by the producer/marketing agency in the High Court of Kolkata.

(c) & (d): Prasar Bharati has informed that the programmes `Khas-Khabor` and `Janombhoomi` were telecast beyond 1300 days with the approval of competent authority in compliance with the Court order.